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January 29, 2004

Ms. Kathleen C. DeMeter, Director
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Re:

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EA03-022

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

In accordance with your letter dated December 5, 2003, enclosed are our preliminary responses to your requests for information. As per Leonard Barkan's conversation with Richard Boyd regarding the above matter, Strick Corporation will complete the responses on or before February 10, 2004.

While your letter requests information for the time period of 1997 to 2003, please be advised that there are materials prior to 1997 in our file regarding greased wheel-end units. If you require these materials also, please contact Leonard Barkan.

Very truly yours,

Jerry Clontz

Warranty Manager